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B.1 OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, federal agencies are required to consider the environmental impacts of their proposed actions before taking action. Actions that are subject to NEPA include those involving federal funding and permits, those involving federal facilities and equipment, and those that affect federal employees. The actions proposed by the Army under the Proposed Action are subject to the requirements of NEPA. Pursuant to NEPA, the Army will prepare an environmental impact statement on the SBCT Project.

B.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is a vital component of NEPA for vesting the public in the decision-making process and allowing for full environmental disclosure. Guidance for implementing public involvement is codified in 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1506.6, thereby ensuring that federal agencies make a diligent effort to involve the public in preparing NEPA documents.

Public involvement efforts to date for the SBCT Project are described below.

Objectives of Scoping

- Invite agencies and public to participate
- Identify and refine alternatives to the proposed action
- Identify a preliminary list of environmental and socioeconomic issues to address in the NEPA document
- Identify and eliminate issues determined to be insignificant

Public Scoping

Prior to NEPA analysis, public scoping meetings were conducted to obtain public input on the Proposed Action and the alternatives. These meetings were conducted between April 6 and April 30, 2002.

Hawaii and Oahu scoping meeting notices were published in the *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*, *West Hawaii Today*, *The Honolulu Advertiser*, *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, *Midweek*, and OEQC's *The Environmental Notice*. Publication dates are as follows:

- *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*—March 31, 2002; April 2 and 4, 2002
- *West Hawaii Today*—March 31, 2002; April 2, 4 and 5, 2002
- *The Honolulu Advertiser*—April 7, 9, 10 and 11, 2002
- *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*—April 7, 9, 10 and 11, 2002
- *Midweek*—April 10, 2002
- *The Environmental Notice*—April 8, 2002

Meeting locations included the following:

- April 6, 2002—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Hilo Hawai'i;
- April 17, 2002—Hilton Waikoloa Village, Waikoloa, Hawai'i; (Which was later changed to Outrigger Waikoloa Beach)
- April 23, 2002—Leilehua High School, Wahiawa, Hawai'i;
- April 24, 2002—Kawananakoa Middle School, Honolulu, Hawai'i;
- April 25, 2002—Haleiwa Elementary School, Haleiwa, Hawai'i;
- April 29, 2002—Kahuku High and Intermediate School, Kahuku, Hawai'i; and
- April 30, 2002—Nanakuli High and Intermediate School, Waianae, Hawai'i.

On March 4, 2002, the Army published a notice of intent in the *Federal Register*, which notified the public of the SBCT Project, announced the seven public scoping meetings, and solicited public comments. Comments were accepted through June 29, 2002.

Newspaper advertisements and media releases were issued to notify the public of the project, to request public comments, and to provide contact information. A media release was issued on May 29, 2002, announcing the extension of the public comment period to June 29, 2002. Notices announcing the extension also were placed in regional newspapers.

In conjunction with the publication of the notice of intent, an SBCT Project EIS Web site was launched to serve as a clearinghouse of project information while the EIS is being developed. The Web site (www.sbcteis.com) provides up-to-date

information on the Proposed Action. A link is also available for Web site visitors to submit comments about the project.

Public Comment on Draft EIS

The Commanding General of the US Army Hawaii 25th ID(L) approved the draft EIS for public review and it was distributed to elected officials, regulatory agencies, and members of the public. The availability of this document was announced in the *Federal Register*, and a 45-day public comment period followed to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the findings of the EIS. After the public comments are incorporated and the draft is revised the General will weigh appropriate information and will decide which alternative to implement. A notice of availability of the Record of Decision will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Notification of publication of the Draft EIS and the opening of the public comment period was announced as both legal and display advertisements in *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*, *West Hawaii Today*, *The Honolulu Advertiser*, *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, *Midweek*, and OEQC's *The Environmental Notice*. Publication dates are as follows:

- *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*— October 3, 5, and 8, 2003
- *West Hawaii Today*— October 3, 5, and 8, 2003
- *The Honolulu Advertiser*—October 3, 5, and 8, 2003
- *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*— October 3, 5, and 8, 2003
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Meeting locations included the following:

- 28 October 2003, Honolulu Country Club, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 29 October 2003, Helemano Plantation, Wahiawa, Hawaii
- 30 October 2003, Makaha Resort Golf Club, Waianae, Hawaii
- 4 November 2003, Turtle Bay Resort Kahuku, Hawaii
- 5 November 2003, Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort Waikoloa, Hawaii
- 6 November 2003, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel Hilo

The total number of meeting attendees was approximately 600 individuals, almost 300 of whom submitted oral or written comments. The website (www.sbcteis.com) was also available for the public to review the document and make comments. On October 31, 2003 the Commanding General of the US Army Hawaii 25th ID(L) made a decision to extend the public comment period on the Draft EIS until January 3rd, 2004. A media release was issued announcing the extension.

Comments received during the public comment period included comments from federal, state, and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and individuals. Over 600 unique commenters participated in the public review of the Draft EIS, and their comments and the Army's responses are provided separately in Appendix P.

B.3 METHODS OF COMMENT COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

In order to ensure that public comments are properly registered and that all public comments are addressed, a Public Comment Analysis and Tracking System (PCATS) was adopted. The Army used the PCATS to record and track all scoping comments and comments on the Draft EIS by category, which ensured that all public comments were recorded, tracked, and addressed accurately.

B.4 OTHER PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MATERIALS

Additional materials used in the public process for the SBCT Transformation EIS are included in this appendix. The following public involvement materials for the scoping of the SBCT project are provided in Appendix B-1:

- Federal Register, notice of intent, dated March 4, 2002;
- Public Notices for Transformation EIS scoping meetings during April 2002;
- Synopses of public scoping meetings held on April 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 29, and 30, 2002;
- Letter addressed to community members from Colonel William R. Puttmann, Jr., dated May 28, 2002;
- Media release for extension of Transformation EIS public scoping period, dated May 29, 2002;
- Affidavit of publication for extension of transformation EIS public scoping period to June 29, 2002, in *The Honolulu Star-Bulletin*;
- Affidavit of publication for extension of Transformation EIS public scoping period to June 29, 2002, *The Honolulu Advertiser*; and
- Affidavit of publication for extension of Transformation EIS public scoping period to June 29, 2002, *The Hawaii Tribune-Herald*.

The following public involvement materials for the public comment and review of the Draft EIS are provided in Appendix B-2:

- Letter to Environmental Protection Agency requesting Federal Register publish Notice of Availability of Draft EIS;
- Notice of Availability of Draft EIS, published in the *Federal Register* on Monday, September 29, 2003;
- Press release from Army announcing availability of Draft EIS, dated October 2, 2003;
- *Hawaii Tribune-Herald* Public Comment Period notice for Draft EIS, dated October 3, 5, 8, 2003;
- Cover memo releasing Draft EIS to the public, dated October 3, 2003;
- Synopses of public meetings held on October 28, 29, and 30, and November 4, 5, and 6, 2003; and
- Notice of extension of public comment period for Draft EIS, dated November 3, 2003.

APPENDIX B-1

SCOPING PRIOR TO EIS PREPARATION

Vehicles and probable additions of several unmanned aerial vehicles); (2) Construction, renovation, and demolition activities to include construction and upgrades to several small to large arms ranges, range complexes and urban training facilities; construction of IBCT vehicle motor pool facilities; construction of troop and equipment cargo and deployment facilities; enhancements to installation information infrastructure and corresponding facilities; upgrades to transportation infrastructure; construction/replacement of barracks and/or housing; and construction of additional administrative/control buildings and structures; (3) Land transactions (acquisition, asset management and disposal); (4) Deployment of forces and specific training for deployment; (5) Training to achieve and maintain readiness to perform assigned missions; (6) institutional matters to include the entire range of diverse day-to-day activities not otherwise accounted for in other activities.

Alternatives include: (1) No Action (existing unit structure and training, no specifically planned activities for transformation); (2) Transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to an IBCT using existing ranges facilities and infrastructure as they are now configured; (3) Transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to an IBCT and mission sustainment activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure; (4) Total transformation of U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) mission activities and capabilities, to include the near-term transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to an IBCT, in order to meet Objective Force requirements fulfilling the Army Vision of an Army that has the characteristics of being more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable; being strategically responsive; and being able to deploy rapidly and being dominant across the full spectrum of operations.

Other alternatives that may be raised during the scoping process will be considered.

Publication of this Notice of Intent does not foreclose consideration of any courses of actions or possible decisions addressed by the U.S. Department of the Army in its Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Army Transformation, dated June 2001. No final decisions will be made regarding Transformation in Alaska prior to completion and signature of the Record of Decision for the PEIS for Army Transformation.

Federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the scoping process for the completion of this EIS by participating in scoping meetings or submitting written comments. The scoping process will assist the Army in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human environment. Scoping meetings will be held in Anchorage, Delta Junction, and Fairbanks, Alaska. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers. Written comments will be accepted within 30 days of the scoping meetings. Written comments may be forwarded to Mr. Kevin Gardner at the above address.

Dated: February 25, 2002.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health, OASA/I&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Force Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) Hawaii

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Army proposes to implement a range of activities related to force transformation in Hawaii. The primary proposed activities are associated with conversion of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), a rapidly deployable, early entry, medium weight force with a decreased logistical footprint. Impacts to the human environment, to include surrounding communities, from restructuring and from enhancing associated ranges, facilities, and infrastructure to meet Army Transformation objectives will be analyzed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Transformation Information: Mr. Ronald Borne, (808) 656-2878, extension 1122; by fax (808) 656-8200; by mail at Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, ATTN: APVG-GCT (Borne), Stop 518, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96797; or by e-mail: ronald.borne@schofield.army.mil.

EIS Information: Mr. Earl Nagasawa, (808) 438-0772; by fax (808) 438-7801; by mail at U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Program and Project Management Division, Attn: CEPOH-PP-E (Nagasawa), Building 252, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440; or by e-mail at earl.nagasawa@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action would result in changes to various military lands in Hawaii. Categories of proposed activities include: (1) Fielding of new or modified weapon systems, armored vehicles and equipment; (2) Construction activities including erection of buildings, training facilities and infrastructure, and renovation or demolition of buildings and facilities at military installations located on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii; (3) Land transactions (acquisition, asset management and disposal); (4) Deployment of forces and specific training for deployment; (5) Training to achieve and maintain readiness to perform assigned missions; (6) Other actions necessary to support a net increase in troops and vehicles to be assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

Proposed Action: The Proposed Action specifically entails transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an IBCT with proposed changes to ranges, facilities, and infrastructure at military installations in Hawaii to support the IBCT operation and training. Proposed activities include land transactions and construction and use of vehicle wash facilities, training and qualification ranges, installation information infrastructure and facilities enhancements, virtual and live training facilities upgrades, motor pool and range control/maintenance facilities, Army airfield upgrades, an anti-armor course, and an ammunition storage area. The remaining non-IBCT units will also use these new facilities as well as existing infrastructure.

Alternatives: (1) Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an IBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure; (2) Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an IBCT using existing facilities and infrastructure in Hawaii as they are now configured; (3) No Action (No. transformation to an IBCT in the near term).

Other alternatives that may be raised during the scoping process will be considered.

Publication of this NOI does not foreclose consideration of any courses of actions or possible decisions addressed by the Department of Army in its Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Army Transformation, dated June 2001. No final decisions will be made regarding transformation in Alaska prior to completion and signature of the Record of Decision for the PEIS for Army Transformation.

Scoping Process: Federal, state, and local agencies and the public are invited to participate in the scoping process for the completion of this EIS. The scoping process will help the Army in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human environment. Scoping meetings will be held at various locations on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers. Written comments identifying potential impacts to be analyzed in the EIS will be accepted within 30 days of the scoping meetings. Written comments may be forwarded to Mr. Earl Nagasawa at the above address.

Dated: February 25, 2002.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupation
Health), OASA (I&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice to alter a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is altering a system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on April 3, 2002, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Records Management Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, Attn: TAPC-PDD-RP, Stop 5603, 6000 6th Street, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-4390 or

DSN 656-4390 or Ms. Christie King at (703) 806-3711 or DSN 656-3711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on February 22, 2002, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: February 25, 2002.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.*

A0190-9 DAMO

SYSTEM NAME:

Absentee Case Files (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10002).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Delete entry and replace with 'U.S. Army Personnel Control Facility, U.S. Army Desert Information Point, Building 1481, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000.'

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with 'Active duty Army, U.S. Army Reserve on active duty or in active duty training status, and Army National Guard personnel on active duty, absent without authority from their place of duty, listed as absentee, and/or who have been designated as a deserter.'

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Add to entry 'individual's name, Social Security Number, grade'.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Delete entry and replace with 'In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the

DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Information may be disclosed to the Department of Veterans Affairs for assistance in determining whereabouts of Army deserters through the Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Locator Subsystem.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.'

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CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Individual's name, Social Security Number, grade, reports and records which document the individual's absence; notice of unauthorized absence from U.S. Army which constitutes the warrant for arrest; notice of return to military control or continued absence in hands of civil authorities.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army, Army Regulation 190-9, Absentee Deserter Apprehension Program and Surrender of Military Personnel to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies; Army Regulation 630-10, Absence Without Leave, Desertion, and Administration of Personnel Involved in Civilian Court Proceedings; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To enter data in the FBI National Crime Information Center 'wanted person' file; to ensure apprehension actions are initiated/terminated promptly and accurately; and to serve management purposes through examining causes of absenteeism and developing programs to deter unauthorized absences.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Scoping Meetings to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces scoping meetings to engage public participation in the environmental impact statement process that will address converting the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) stationed in Hawaii to an Interim Brigade Combat Team (IBCT). An IBCT is a rapidly deployable, early-entry, medium-weight force with a decreased logistical footprint. IBCT fielding is an integral part of the process of developing a new fighting infrastructure that is partly based on self-sufficient, brigade-sized units.

Converting the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) would result in the following force structure and facility changes that may have the potential to impact various Army installations and training lands in Hawaii.

- Fielding of new or modified weapon systems, armored vehicles, and equipment.
- Construction activities including erection of buildings, training facilities and infrastructure, and renovation or demolition of training facilities at military installations located on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii.
- Land transactions (acquisition, asset management, and disposal).
- Deployment of forces and specific training for deployment.
- Training to achieve and maintain readiness to perform missions.
- Other actions necessary to support a net increase in troops and vehicles to be assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light).

Public scoping meetings will be held at and on the dates and times listed below. During each meeting, attendees will be introduced to the Army's vision of its future toward American leadership and security, the IBCT transformation process, and the range of proposed transformation activities. The public will also have the opportunity to provide input on what they would like the EIS to address as it pertains to the Army's proposal to convert the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an IBCT. Public comments will be accepted for a period of 15 days following the meeting dates and can be submitted in writing to the individual named below.

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Moku'ola Room
71 Banyan Drive
Hilo, HI 96720
April 16, 2002
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Hilton Waikoloa Village
Kohala 1 & 2
425 Waikoloa Beach Drive
Waikoloa, HI 96738
April 17, 2002
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Leilehua High School
Cafeteria
1515 California Avenue
Wahiawa, HI 96786
April 23, 2002
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Kawananakoa Middle School
Cafeteria
49 Funchal Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
April 24, 2002
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Haleiwa Elementary School
Cafeteria
66-505 Haleiwa Road
Haleiwa, HI 96712
April 25, 2002
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Kahuku High & Intermediate School
Cafeteria
56-490 Kamehameha Highway
Kahuku, HI 96731
April 29, 2002
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nanakuli High & Intermediate School
Cafeteria
89-980 Nanakuli Avenue
Waianae, Hawaii 96792
April 30, 2002
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Send written comments to or request additional information from:

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- Land transactions (acquisition, asset management, and disposal).
- Deployment of forces and specific training for deployment.
- Training to achieve and maintain readiness to perform missions.
- Other actions necessary to support a net increase in troops to be assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light).

Public scoping meetings on the Big Island will be held at and on the dates and times listed below. During each meeting, attendees will be introduced to the Army's vision of its future toward American leadership and security, the IBCT transformation process, and the range of proposed transformation activities. The public will also have the opportunity to provide input on what they would like the EIS to address as it pertains to the Army's proposal to convert the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an IBCT. Public comments will be accepted for a period of 15 days following the meeting dates and can be submitted in writing to the individual named below.

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Hilo, HI 96720
April 16, 2002
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Outrigger Waikoloa Beach
Alii Ballroom
69-275 Waikoloa Beach Drive
Waikoloa, HI 96738
April 17, 2002
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Send written comments to or request additional information from:

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**Preparation of Phase I Environmental Impact Statement
Army Transformation of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team
Various Sites, Hawai'i**

SCOPING MEETING SYNOPSIS

16 April 2002

1730-2030

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Moku`ola Banquet Ballroom

STAFFING

Presiding Officer: COL William Puttmann
Panelists: Ron Borne, MAJ Thomas Hong, Gina Noel, COL William Puttmann, LTC Jerry Schmitz
Facilitators: Karen Aka, Annelie Amaral, Miki Lee

ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 58
Individuals Speaking: 18
Written Comments Received: 7

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1735
Meeting Adjourned: 2030

QUESTIONS

- Are cultural impacts are being assessed?
- Has the Army initiated Section 106 consultation?
- Will there be a cultural monitor?
- Will a cultural impact assessment be performed?
- Will proposed communication towers at PTA be visible?
- What land adjacent to PTA is the Army interested in procuring?
- Are C-17 aircraft landing on Hawai'i Island?
- Will military units of other governments train at PTA?
- Is depleted uranium being fired at PTA?

COMMENTS

General Issues

- Objection to expansion of the U.S. military in Hawai'i.
- There is no need for Army money, protection, pollution, arrogance, and desecration of Hawaiian sacred land.
- Fear is being used by the Army to increase its on-island presence.

- Hold additional public hearings outside Hilo and Waikoloa.
- Extend the public scoping comment period for several months.
- Army public relations are lacking.

Occupation Issues

- The Army is illegally occupying Kingdom of Hawai'i sovereign land. Illegal annexation of Hawaii is a constitutional violation and is akin to terrorism.
- The Army should shut down, clean up, and leave PTA.
- Objection to Army acquisition of land to increase PTA acreage.
- Objection to military use of non-Army lands by its troops as observation posts and sundry other training-related activities.
- Objection to expansion of the Army's fuel storage facility at Kawaihae Harbor.

Cultural Issues

- Pohakula is sacred.
- Continued use of PTA is supported but with environmental and cultural protection controls.
- Objection to military use of Mauna Kea, a sacred mountain.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- The Army's current biological protection measures are inadequate. Implement more effective ungulate controls to prevent damage to critical habitats and threatened/endangered species.
- Improve fire prevention methods, e.g., eradicate fountain grass and facilitate the establishment of fire-resistant grasses such as *Eragrostis* sp.
- Fire damage affects plant root systems which in turn negatively impacts cave biota.
- Develop and implement procedures to control/prevent the introduction/establishment of invasive weed species on Hawai'i Island transported by Army equipment.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- Concern that the Army will contribute to Hawai'i Island's solid waste problem by utilizing county landfills. The Army should manage its own solid waste so as not to tax County landfills.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Clean up UXO and explosive residues
- The Army should not leave the land it occupies in a condition more harmful to the public (from chemical and explosives contamination) than the foes it protects the U.S. from.
- There are concerns of nuclear storage and attendant pollution on Hawai'i Island.

Air Issues

- Airborne contaminants generated by Army training activities affect water catchment systems that many on-island residents depend on for potable consumption.

Water Issues

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Socioeconomic Issues

- Hawai'i must develop the ability to diversify its economy to place less reliance on the military to infuse its capital.
- There is concern with the cost of transformation that the County of Hawai'i would have to bear.
- There is no economic benefit by the Army being on Hawai'i Island.
- An Army presence on-island infuses funds into the local economy.

- The Army should purchase its goods and services from local farmers, suppliers, and vendors.

Visual Issues

- No comments expressed.

Noise Issues

- Military flights impact the community because of aircraft noise.

Traffic Issues

- No comments expressed.

EIS INPUT

General Issues

- Address environmental justice.
- Identify cumulative impacts of the proposed action.
- Identify the capacity to which Army transformation would violate international law.
- Make EIS-related information available to the public on a timely basis.

Occupation Issues

- Address Army occupation of ceded and Hawaiian Home lands.
- Identify the amount of Hawaiian Home Lands within PTA.

Cultural Issues

- Identify, evaluate, and assess archaeological resources both aboveground and underground.
- Prepare a cultural impact assessment.
- Map and identify all cultural sites to be affected by Army transformation. Identify cultural practitioners to determine the significance of these sites.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Identify, evaluate, and assess cave resources. Formulate mitigative measures for impacts to said resources.
- Perform an ecosystem analysis.
- Utilize and reference *Rare Plants of Pohakuloa (Training Area, Hawai`i)* by (Robert B.) Shaw

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- No input received.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Factor in the cost to clean up PTA upon Army departure of the installation.
- Characterize on-site and off-site contamination (i.e., chemical, OE, radioactive) caused by the Army to define baseline conditions. Define the synergistic effects of identified contaminants to human health and the environment.
- Identify cumulative impacts of previous live-fire training at PTA.

Air Issues

- Address soil erosion and dust generation during vehicle and troop maneuvers.

Water Issues

- Evaluate and assess water supplies, use, and disposal.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Address socioeconomic impacts.
- Identify and assess the relocation of Army forces and/or facilities from Schofield Barracks to Hawai'i Island.

Visual Issues

- No input received.

Noise Issues

- No input received.

Traffic Issues

- Address public access of military roads.

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Army Transformation of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team
Various Sites, Hawai'i**

SCOPING MEETING SYNOPSIS

17 April 2002

1730-2030

Outrigger Waikoloa Beach

Ali'i Ballroom

STAFFING

Presiding Officer: COL William Puttmann
Panelists: Ron Borne, MAJ Thomas Hong, Gina Noel, COL William Puttmann, George Redpath, LTC Jerry Schmitz
Facilitators: Karen Aka, Annelie Amaral, Miki Lee

ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 40
Individuals Speaking: 12
Written Comments Received: 4

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1735
Meeting Adjourned: 1940

QUESTIONS

- Will the Bradshaw Army Airfield runway be extended?
- What does “realistic training” entail why is there a need for such training?
- How much noise does blank ammunition generate?
- Is the expansion of Army activities on Hawai'i Island proposed because the Army is ceasing its use of Makua Military Reservation?
- Where are the additional lands the Army is interested in acquiring?
- Will game hunting be permitted within the additional lands the Army acquires?
- What types of aircraft are being proposed for use within the additional lands the Army acquires? How close will these aircraft fly over residential dwellings?
- How will the VFR affect the training schedule given the fog conditions at PTA?
- Who will be conducting the EIS? Is the EIS contract fixed fee or cost plus?
- Why is there so little information about PTA and its surroundings? How can the public comment prior to the draft EIS because information is lacking?

COMMENTS

General Issues

- An EIS is critical to the outcome of a project (proposed action).

- It is vital that the U.S. maintain military superiority over its adversaries through the best realistic training possible.
- Typically the Army is not honored in peace time, but is valued in times of conflict.
- The public must support national defense. It should cooperate and not attack the military.
- The 25th ID (L) is welcome.
- Waiki`i Homeowners Association is interested in working with the Army and would like its concerns addressed, e.g., dust, noise, family safety.
- Paniolo Preservation Society offers its assistance to work with the Army on its Hawai`i Island proposed actions.
- Encourages continuation of the Army's community support.
- The military presence at PTA has had very little negative impact in the Waimea area.
- It is more cost effective to remodel than abandon and re-build a training facility elsewhere.
- Expeditionary forces can practice deployment to PTA.
- Add a public rifle/pistol range.
- Government-sponsored projects often affects a community's quality of life.

Occupation Issues

- Supportive of Army and its proposed expansion of training lands on Hawai`i Island. It is an investment by the Army to protect U.S. citizens.
- Military advocate but concerned about the proposed acquisition of Keamuku lands by the Army. Impacts of the proposed use of the land is irrevocable.
- Objection to Army acquisition of land to increase PTA acreage.
- Because the majority of funding is from the federal government, without PTA there would be no Saddle Road improvements.
- PTA is furthest removed from population centers than any other major Hawaiian island.

Cultural Issues

- Nature and culture are one and the same.
- Pohakula is culturally significant.
- There are former sheep stations at Keamuku.
- Preserve paniolo, sheep herding, and associated features of Keamuku lands being considered for Army procurement.
- Continued use of PTA is supported but with environmental and cultural protection controls.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Grasses, e.g., kikuyu, binds the soil matrix. Wildfires that denude vegetation facilitate topsoil erosion and dust generation.
- Concern that game management areas proximal to PTA, e.g., Kaohe, Pu`u Anahulu, will be affected by the expansion of and increased disturbance at the installation.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- Set aside space within lands the Army is to acquire for a county-owned solid waste disposal site. Construct a waste-to-energy plant at the site to reduce reliance on HELCO-supplied electricity.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- No comments expressed.

Air Issues

- Applying gravel to tank trails would reduce dust generation.
- Grasses, e.g., kikuyu, binds the soil matrix. Wildfires that denude vegetation facilitate topsoil erosion and dust generation.

Water Issues

- No comments expressed.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Waimea infrastructure and schools may be negatively impacted if there is an increase in Army personnel residing on Hawai'i Island.
- The proposed Army expansion of PTA and attendant land purchase may affect ongoing and future Waiki'i Ranch property transactions.
- The military has always had a positive economic impact on the State of Hawai'i and PTA has contributed significantly.

Visual Issues

- No comments expressed.

Noise Issues

- Recent Army training at PTA has been very noisy.

Traffic Issues

- Expansion of PTA would increase traffic and compromise safety on Saddle Road. It may, for example, increase the number of water tankers to/from PTA.
- Slow-moving military convoys traveling to/from Kawaihae present an inconvenience to other drivers sharing public roads. Expansion of PTA, however, will divert those convoys to non-public roads thereby reducing Army reliance of public thoroughfares for transportation.

EIS INPUT

General Issues

- Address reasonable and unreasonable alternatives, and provide the rationale for and against each.
- Describe how the Army will deal with its identified impacts.
- Establish a fund to address mitigative measures.
- Address historical paniolo and sheep herding activities of the Keamuku parcel.

Occupation Issues

- Address alternative uses of lands the Army is proposing to acquire.

Cultural Issues

- Delve deeper into the cultural significance, history, and traditions of PTA and its surroundings.
- Define how cultural traditions are associated with present day.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Thoroughly evaluate topsoil erosion and dust generation caused by off-road movement of equipment and troop training.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- No input received.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- No input received.

Air Issues

- Address soil erosion and dust generation during vehicle and troop maneuvers.

Water Issues

- No input received.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Address how Army use of Kawaihae Harbor may conflict with commercial and recreational boating there.

Visual Issues

- No input received.

Noise Issues

- Address noise impacts associated with troop training, ordnance firing, helicopter overflights, etc.

Traffic Issues

- No input received.

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SCOPING MEETING SYNOPSIS

23 April 2002

1800-2100

Leilehua High School

Cafeteria

STAFFING

Presiding Officer: COL Roy Waggoner
Panelists: Ron Borne, Gina Noel, Jeanne Prussman Ockerman, George Redpath, COL Roy Waggoner
Facilitators: Karen Aka, Annelle Amaral, Miki Lee

ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 22
Individuals Speaking: 4
Written Comments Received: 1

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1810
Meeting Adjourned: 1910

QUESTIONS

- Is a map of the Army's proposed land acquisitions available?
- Will R. Borne's briefing be publicly available?
- Are there any proposed runway improvements to WAAF? Will any aircraft be stationed there as a result of said improvements?
- Must written comments be submitted on an official Army form or can it be prepared on one's own letterhead?

COMMENTS

General Issues

- Restore the air safety program.
- Make maps available of the Army's proposed land acquisitions as the lack thereof is not conducive to public input during the scoping period.
- There is no environmental baseline of Schofield Barracks.

Occupation Issues

- Concerned with the size of the Army's proposed acquisition of Honouliuli Preserve, type of training on the acquired land, and public access.

Cultural Issues

- Identify traditional practices.
- Protect, preserve, and repair cultural sites.
- Document archaeological sites.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Concerned with the Army's proposed acquisition of the northern portion of Honouliuli Preserve because of the abundance of native/threatened/endangered species there, and threats of survival from wildfires, feral ungulates, weed species proliferation, and anthropogenic disturbance.
- Honouliuli Preserve is a recognized elepai`o critical habitat.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- No comments expressed.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Clean live-fire training areas.

Air Issues

- No comments expressed.

Water Issues

- No comments expressed.

Socioeconomic Issues

- The Army presence near Wahiawa is contributory to the high rate of prostitution in that community.

Visual Issues

- No comments expressed.

Noise Issues

- Concerned with flight safety and noise from Army aircraft alighting and landing at WAAF, and overflight of residential communities.

Traffic Issues

- No comments expressed.

EIS INPUT

General Issues

- Address environmental justice.
- Establish an environmental baseline of Schofield Barracks.
- Thoroughly identify and assess all cumulative impacts to human health and the environment.
- Address all alternatives adequately including comparable sites within the continental U.S. that the 25th ID (L) can transform at.

Occupation Issues

- Define the location and amount of acreage the Army proposes to acquire.

Cultural Issues

- Identify cultural resources that may be impacted by the proposed action.
- Identify the availability of traditional practices.
- Describe how the Army will protect, preserve, and repair cultural sites on its property.
- Document all archaeological sites on extant Army property and property proposed for acquisition.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Identify natural resources that may be impacted by the proposed action.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues**Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues**

- Describe how the Army will clean up its live-fire training areas.
- Describe how the Army will clean up chemical contamination on lands it occupies and uses.

Air Issues

- No input received.

Water Issues

- No input received.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Address negative socioeconomic impacts, e.g., the proliferation of prostitution, of Army installations in the vicinity of Wahiawa.

Visual Issues

- No input received.

Noise Issues

- No input received.

Traffic Issues

- No input received.

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SCOPING MEETING SYNOPSIS

24 April 2002

1800-2100

Kawananakoa Middle School

Cafeteria

STAFFING

Presiding Officer: COL William Ryan III
Panelists: Ron Borne, Gina Noel, Jeanne Prussman Ockerman, George Redpath, COL William Ryan III
Facilitators: Karen Aka, Annelle Amaral, Miki Lee

ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 40
Individuals Speaking: 18
Written Comments Received: 1

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1815
Meeting Adjourned: 2120

QUESTIONS

- How much land does the Army possess on O`ahu and Hawai'i Islands?
- Who is contracted to prepare the subject EIS?
- How much money is being spent to prepare the EIS?
- What are the specifics of Army transformation?
- What are the range of alternatives to the proposed action?
- Did the Army recently purchase Kahuku acreage?
- Did the Army prepare an EIS in 1994 as it relates to PTA?
- Who is performing the cultural assessment for the EIS?
- When will the Section 106 process commence?
- Will the Army prepare an EIA (environmental impact action [sic])?
- What is meant by the development of proposed areas previously developed?
- If a bill currently in Congress to exempt the military from compliance with environmental regulations passes, will it affect the subject EIS and will the Army consequently cease to prepare the document?
- Is a map available that demarcates which portion(s) of Honouliuli Preserve the Army is proposing to acquire?
- Is the Army trying to obtain more land on O`ahu Island?

- If the Army establishes alternate areas for live fire, will it terminate its use of Makua Valley for that purpose and leave the valley?
- Is a trail or road to be constructed by the Army from Schofield Barracks to Dillingham Military Reservation?
- Can the Army use extant USMC rifle ranges instead of proposing to acquire additional property to build one of its own?
- Must Makua Military Reservation be kept open for just one Legacy force?
- Why train in Hawai'i if it is so expensive to station troops here?
- Who is the Army accountable to?

COMMENTS

General Issues

- The Army's proposed timetable to prepare the subject EIS is insufficient to undertake complex studies requisite to the document.
- The Army has not expended any effort to correct the damage it has done.
- The U.S. military is a good steward of the land.
- Work closely with The Nature Conservancy.
- The earth is sacred and is our mother.
- Make maps available of the Army's proposed land acquisitions as the lack thereof is not conducive to public input during the scoping period.
- There is no environmental baseline of Schofield Barracks.
- Army training is destroying the uniqueness of the Hawaiian Islands.
- The Army has no long-term thinking.
- There is no effort by the Army to utilize modern technology that is protective of the land.
- No further expansion of the military in Hawai'i.
- Cease all live fire training in Hawai'i and take it elsewhere.
- The Army presence is a magnet for trouble.
- This is not a scoping meeting per Army and federal regulations. There is scanty information and vague generalities that do not enable the public to adequately provide input during the scoping period.
- The Army should be providing potential environmental effects associated with the proposed action as well as impacts associated with past Army actions.
- There is no description of the range of proposed alternatives or other related EAs and EISs.
- Stationing Army troops in Hawai'i is illogical.
- The Makua Military Reservation and Army transformation EISs are inter-related.
- Establish a restoration advisory board for lands the Army is no longer using and include individuals of Hawaiian descent on the board.
- Use funds for the cleanup of Army-impacted lands instead of transformation.
- Support of a military presence in Hawai'i is for money instead of its mission to protect the nation and its people.
- The people and not the Army should be able to manage its own resources.

Occupation Issues

- The Army owns no ceded lands in Hawai'i.
- The illegal occupation in Hawai'i by the Army is meant to eliminate the Hawaiian people from its land, and to destroy the culture.
- The U.S. military is not wanted here.
- The Army does not belong here and should leave.
- The Army has no legal or spiritual right to be in Hawai'i.
- Army-owned or occupied lands are inaccessible to the public for cultural and recreational purposes.

- The U.S. military has little or no consideration of land ownership by the Hawaiian people.
- Find the document(s) that evidence Army ownership of its lands in Hawai'i.
- O'ahu land is scarce and is to be exacerbated if the Army acquires more property.
- Concerned with the size of the Army's proposed acquisition of Honouliuli Preserve, type of training on the acquired land, and public access.

Cultural Issues

- It is important that the Army understand the perspectives of the Hawaiian people.
- The military needs to obtain the support of the Hawaiian people.
- Cultural and traditional practices are not adequately translated into English.
- Pohakuloa is one of many areas sacred to Hawaiians.
- Speak and consult directly with the Hawaiian community.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- There is insufficient time for Section 7 consultation given the EIS preparation schedule.
- Proposed access roads would contribute to the proliferation of weed species.
- The threat of fire resulting from Army training is a concern.
- The military is not concerned with the preservation of native plants and animals, e.g., Makua Valley.
- Honouliuli Preserve is an unfortunate choice for acquisition by the Army as it contains the greatest concentration of rare, native Hawaiian tree snails. Of them, six are endangered.
- Army occupation of the preserve could destroy the snail population.
- Rare, endangered plants and animals inhabit areas along the proposed road corridor between Schofield Barracks and Dillingham Military Reservation.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- No comments expressed.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- The Army does not clean up the environment it impacts.
- Clean up UXO.
- Contaminating a site with UXO and not cleaning the site up is typical of the U.S. military.

Air Issues

- No comments expressed.

Water Issues

- No comments expressed.

Socioeconomic Issues

- No comments expressed.

Visual Issues

- No comments expressed.

Noise Issues

- No comments expressed.

Traffic Issues

- No comments expressed.

EIS INPUT

General Issues

- Address positive aspects of the military land stewardship.

Occupation Issues

- Address traditional, cultural, and historic properties.

Cultural Issues

- Expand Section 106 consultation beyond SHPO and OH to civic clubs, past and present residents of the affected areas, cultural practitioners, and burial councils.
- Prepare a detailed plan of surface and subsurface cultural sites at extant and to-be-acquired lands, and develop procedures to protect these sites and provide cultural access thereto.
- Study the cultural and environmental impacts of the proposed road between Schofield Barracks and Dillingham Military Reservation.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Identify the threat of fire.
- Describe how Army will protect threatened and endangered species on and proximal to its installations.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- No input received.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Address the cleanup of contaminated sites.

Air Issues

- Address airborne contamination generated by the Army.

Water Issues

- Address the cumulative impacts to water resources.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Assess the economic loss caused by deployment of the 2nd Brigade.
- Perform an economic analysis of the 2nd Brigade relocating to Fort Lewis.

Visual Issues

- No input received.

Noise Issues

- No input received.

Traffic Issues

- No input received.

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SCOPING MEETING SYNOPSIS

25 April 2002

1800-2100

Haleiwa Elementary School

Ruth Rankin Hall (Cafeteria)

STAFFING

Presiding Officer: COL James Schisser
Panelists: Ron Borne, Gina Noel, Jeanne Prussman Ockerman, George Redpath
Facilitators: Karen Aka, Annelie Amaral, Miki Lee

ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 29
Individuals Speaking: 9
Written Comments Received: 3

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1815
Meeting Adjourned: 2015

QUESTIONS

- What is the total square footage of structures proposed for construction by the Army as a result of the 2nd Brigade, 25th ID (L) transformation?
- Has there been a shift in Army philosophy or policy to purchase rather than lease land?
- Will the proposed roads be made available to the public in emergencies?
- Will there be an increase in military aircraft utilizing Dillingham Military Reservation and, if so, what are the attendant noise levels anticipated?
- How much additional noise will be generated by ammunition fired during training once transformation commences?
- Will the interim brigade combat team result in an increase in military personnel?
- What are the visual impacts and attendant mitigative measures to the Army's proposed towers?
- Will underground or aboveground tanks be installed at the proposed fuel stations?
- Is Army expansion necessary?
- Will the public have access to scoping process comments from all the communities at which Army transformation scoping meetings are held?
- What is meant by "realignment of ranges"?
- Has or is the Army firing depleted uranium munitions in Hawaii?
- Has the Army transformed elsewhere? If so, where?

COMMENTS

General Issues

- Who will perform the construction work as transformation of the 2nd Brigade ensues? Though less expensive if conducted by the Army, private industry contractors would provide a better quality of work.
- Consider a means of continuity through the Army chain of command and with changes in command.
- Listen to and deal with disagreements with the affected communities. The Army should avoid resorting to a “my way or not at all” position.
- Observed revisions to the Army transformation this evening are not being conveyed to all the affected communities, particularly those where scoping meetings have already occurred.
- Transformation is inevitable as the Army must adapt to changing times.
- Lack of interest in Army transformation is evident based on this evening’s attendance and is disconcerting. There is no legislative or city council representation.

Occupation Issues

- Developed land as defined by the Army in its transformation briefing is actually agricultural land.
- Work with the community to preserve agricultural land use.
- Oahu land is scarce and is to be exacerbated if the Army acquires more property.
- There is no necessity on the Army’s part to occupy additional on-island property.

Cultural Issues

- Be sincere and responsive to the Oahu Island Burial Council and the community.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Honouliuli Preserve contains the greatest concentration of rare, native, and endangered Hawaiian tree snails.
- Army occupation of the preserve could destroy the snail population, and would contribute to the proliferation of weed species, ungulates, and rodents, and increase the fire threat.
- Provide public access rights to Honouliuli Preserve.
- The Army has done much to protect threatened and endangered species on lands under its purview.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- Solid waste and wastewater management at the Army’s training areas is a concern.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Clean up Army ranges.

Air Issues

- No comments expressed.

Water Issues

- No comments expressed.

Socioeconomic Issues

- The Army has yet to provide information on the funding proposed for its land acquisitions as well as the total acreage under consideration.
- Community-specific health issues are associated with military presence.

Visual Issues

- No comments expressed.

Noise Issues

- Noise generated by helicopter over flight along the North Shore is a concern.

Traffic Issues

- Get the military off public roads.
- Determine how Army access roads (e.g., Drum Road, Schofield-Dillingham trail) can be made available to North Shore communities for emergency access.

EIS INPUT:

General Issues

- The EIS is critical and must be thorough. Interface with the affected communities to that end and engage the public to become part of the process.
- Make relevant information available and on a timely basis.
- Describe the Army's environmental program and how it will be implemented.
- Explore the no action alternative and consequences thereof.
- Describe the various training exercises, e.g., where, by whom, duration, and impacts to the environment following each exercise.
- Provide detailed maps with sufficient information.

Occupation Issues

- Examine the continued use of agricultural lands.
- Address access to or through Army lands by native Hawaiians, hunters, and hikers.
- Describe current and future land uses, ownership, and environmental baseline conditions.
- Describe the Army's flooding mitigation plan and preventive measures.

Cultural Issues

- Comply with NAGPRA and Section 106 during the EIS process.
- Conduct surface and subsurface archaeological surveys at extant and to-be-acquired lands, and develop procedures to protect these sites and provide cultural access thereto.
- Conduct a cultural impact assessment to include the past and present. Communicate with cultural practitioners within areas the Army will be training at.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Address rare/threatened/endangered species impacts and mitigative measures.
- Address bird-helicopter interaction.
- Assess fire issues, e.g., prevention, areas and periods of susceptibility, community notification, contingencies.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- Address solid waste and wastewater management at the Army's training areas.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Describe weapons and weapons systems to be utilized by the Army as a result of transformation. Identify nuclear and chemical weaponry, and conduct a risk analysis thereof.
- Describe how the Army will prepare and remediate its ranges.

Air Issues

- No input received.

Water Issues

- Communicate with the Water Commission as it relates to proposed bridges that may be constructed as a consequence of the proposed transformation.
- Characterize the groundwater underlying Army lands.
- Describe the groundwater protection protocols, mitigative measures, and long-term monitoring program.

Socioeconomic Issues

- The Army has yet to provide information on the funding proposed for its land acquisitions as well as the total acreage under consideration.
- Community-specific health issues are associated with military presence.

Visual Issues

- No input received.

Noise Issues

- Address noise generation by Army training and operating aircraft near residential areas and business communities.

Traffic Issues

- Address traffic impacts to public roads.
- Describe weapons transport, safety protocols, and accident contingencies.

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SCOPING MEETING SYNOPSIS

29 April 2002

1800-2100

Kahuku High & Intermediate School
Cafetorium

STAFFING

Presiding Officer: COL Andrew Twomey
Panelists: Ron Borne, Gina Noel, Jeanne Prussman Ockerman, George Redpath
Facilitators: Annelle Amaral, Ken Fukunaga, Miki Lee

ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 33
Individuals Speaking: 12
Written Comments Received: 5

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1820
Meeting Adjourned: 2040

QUESTIONS

- How do the revised Army regulations affect the NEPA requirements?
- What guidelines will the Army follow as it relates to the proposed construction of roads and infrastructure?
- Who is to perform the cultural assessment to be included in the EIS?
- How much money has been allocated by the federal government for Army transformation?
- When are the proposed transformation projects to commence?
- How long will it take for the transformation projects to be completed?
- Will local contractors be involved in the transformation projects?
- Is the decision to limit live fire at South Range permanent and has there been any public input to that end?
- What changes are there to the unified Army chain of command and will it bear on transformation?
- Will a congressional proposal to exempt the Department of Defense from environmental regulations affect Army transformation and attendant NEPA requirements?
- Is the Army in discussion with the State of Hawaii to exempt the former from state environmental regulations as is occurring in Alaska.
- How will Army transformation affect military training at Kahuku, will it increase noise generation by aircraft (e.g., helicopters), and will there be an increase in aircraft flight time over Kahuku?
- Will proposed structures to be constructed at Kahuku Training Area be visible from public and residential areas of Kahuku?
- Can the EIS findings halt Army transformation?

- How will the Army's proposed transformation projects contribute to flooding in Kahuku.

COMMENTS

General Issues

- Flooding is a big issue in Kahuku consequently the Army should partner with the community to address flood mitigation.
- The Army is taking advantage of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attack to expand its control and presence in Hawaii, and is a form of political and military opportunism.
- Communicate with the U.S. Marine Corps and Navy regarding their plans for transformation to avoid conflicts that could negatively affect areal communities.
- The Army has enough lands and facilities, and should make more efficient use of what it has.
- Army expansion is ridiculous.
- The scoping process is flawed as there is insufficient information available to the public.
- Proposed alternatives fail to consider sites outside of Hawaii.

Occupation Issues

- The Army has control of a significant amount of land on Oahu with acquisitions being conducted covertly (e.g., 9,000 acres of Kahuku Training Area property acquired from James Campbell Estate).
- Preserve recreational areas in and around Army lands as well as access thereto.
- Hawaii was illegally annexed by the U.S. government.
- The Army owns no ceded lands in Hawaii.
- The illegal occupation in Hawaii by the Army is cultural genocide and de-colonization of those of Hawaiian descent.
- The U.S. military is not wanted here.
- The Army does not belong here and should leave.
- Ceded lands may be a violation of international law.
- Hawaiians are violated by the Army's proposed transformation as it represents yet another invasion of Hawaii lands.
- Provide more land for public recreational activities.

Cultural Issues

- Do not compromise cultural access rights.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Honouliuli Preserve contains the greatest concentration of rare, native, and endangered Hawaiian tree snails.
- Army occupation of the preserve could destroy the snail population, and would contribute to the proliferation of weed species, ungulates, and rodents, and increase the fire threat.
- Provide public access rights to Honouliuli Preserve.
- The Army has done much to protect threatened and endangered species on lands under its purview.
- The Army is incapable of long-term protection of threatened and endangered species on lands under its purview.
- The needs of critical habitats and perpetuation of rare, threatened, and endangered species is timeless.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- There is much Army litter (e.g., discarded MREs, concertina wire, small arms) observed by moto-cross riders at Kahuku Training Area which presents a safety hazard, is unsightly, and is disrespectful of the land.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Near shore waters are affected by chemical contaminants and UXO that drain to island coastlines.
- Clean up and restore all the land the Army occupies.

Air Issues

- No comments expressed.

Water Issues

- Preserve public and community water rights.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Augment rather than impede economic development of rural areas by activities associated with the proposed Army transformation.
- Involve younger Army personnel in the transformation process rather than the older, established Army regime.
- Economic gain should not be used to justify militarization.

Visual Issues

- No comments expressed.

Noise Issues

- Noise generated by helicopter over flight along the North Shore is a concern.

Traffic Issues

- It is unnecessary for the Army to build new roads.
- The Army improves but does not maintain its roads.

EIS INPUT:

General Issues

- Address environmental justice.
- Establish environmental baselines of all extant and proposed Army lands, and account for cumulative impacts that form current baseline conditions.

Occupation Issues

- Address Hawaii's treaty of annexation and ceded lands.
- Explain how the Army acquired its lands and the authority by which possession was granted.
- Identify and evaluate alternative installations and training facilities outside Hawaii.

Cultural Issues

- Address cumulative impacts to those of Hawaiian descent.
- Have significant sites be identified and interpreted by cultural practitioners.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Address ecosystem impacts.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- No input received.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Address costs to clean up Army lands of chemical and UXO contamination.
- Evaluate contaminated or potentially contaminated sites using the precautionary principle approach rather than by risk assessment as the former is more conservative than the latter.

Air Issues

- No input received.

Water Issues

- Preserve public and community water rights.
- Address the proposed construction of new facilities in Kahuku and if it will affect flood-prone areas of the community.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Address the environmental costs of militarization in Hawaii.
- Address opportunity costs of alternative uses to military lands in Hawaii.
- Address the leakage of Army funds that are not infused into the local economy to support, for example, public education support and housing.
- Address areal illicit or immoral business activities, e.g., prostitution, that flourish because of Army personnel.

Visual Issues

- No input received.

Noise Issues

- Address noise generation by Army training and operating aircraft near residential areas and business communities.

Traffic Issues

- Identify and evaluate alternatives to Drum Road improvements.

Preparation of Phase I Environmental Impact Statement
Army Transformation of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team (IBCT)
Various Sites, Hawaii

SCOPING MEETING SYNOPSIS
30 April 2002
1800-2100
Nanakuli High & Intermediate School
Cafetorium

STAFFING

Presiding Officer: COL Rodney Anderson
Panelists: Ron Borne, Gina Noel, Jeanne Prussman Ockerman, George Redpath
Facilitators: Karen Aka, Annelle Amaral, Ken Fukunaga

ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 61
Individuals Speaking: 27
Written Comments Received: 5

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1805
Meeting Adjourned: 2130

QUESTIONS

- Where would the Army propose to conduct live-fire (urban assault) training if not at Kahuku?
- If Army personnel can training at Schofield Barracks, why is there a need for PTA?

COMMENTS

General Issues

- The lack of specific information regarding the Army's proposed actions makes it difficult for the public to address how the Army will conduct its troop training.
- The Army is to be commended for conducting its scoping meetings, however, another round of scoping meetings is requested after maps and more specific information is made available by the Army.
- This is not a scoping meeting in accordance with NEPA and Army regulations. It is instead an informational meeting.
- The military presence in Hawaii renders it as a target of aggression.
- The U.S. military has a track record of environmental abuse; it is the greatest violator of environmental destruction.
- The Army's values are questionable by coming to Hawaii, destroying its environment, then leaving without attending to the destruction.
- The Army is unable to care for the lands it already occupies.
- Fires are a threat.

- Include the cost of environmental cleanup in the Army transformation budget.
- Use transformation funds instead for environmental protection.
- The Army does not know what transformation is.
- The U.S. military is one of the greediest entities in the state.
- Access to military lands is increasingly being denied to the public.
- Relocate all Army training to the continental U.S.
- Hawaii is expendable as an Army outpost.
- The U.S. Army is not my army.
- The Army should leave Hawaii as it is not wanted here.
- The Army should take its time during the EIS process to ensure that the document is prepared correctly.
- Work on foreign policy rather than military expansion.

Occupation Issues

- The Army should use lands it already controls rather than acquiring additional property.
- The Army controls too much land.
- Any expansion by the Army into the lands of Lihue is opposed.
- Army acquisition of additional lands is opposed.
- There is no deed that grants the U.S. military legal right to occupy land in Hawaii.
- The U.S. Senate never ratified a treaty of annexation consequently Hawaii was illegally annexed by the U.S. government, and military occupation is also illegal.
- Ceded lands comprise the majority of what the U.S. military occupies in Hawaii.
- The Hawaiian Islands are a U.S. colony.
- Preserve undeveloped areas as such.
- The Army should clean up Makua Valley then leave the valley.
- Return Makua to the community and train troops at the Schofield Barracks multi-purpose range.
- A road between Schofield Barracks and Kawaihapai is unnecessary.

Cultural Issues

- Preserve, protect, and restore existing, damaged, and destroyed complexes Hawaiian in origin.
- The Army must exercise cultural sensitivity to the significance of lands it occupies and trains on.
- Live-fire training is inappropriate and irresponsible as it will impact cultural sites.
- Guarantee cultural sites and access rights will be protected.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Honouliuli Preserve contains the greatest concentration of rare, native, and endangered Hawaiian tree snails.
- Army occupation of the preserve could destroy the snail population, and would contribute to the proliferation of weed species, ungulates, and rodents, and increase the fire threat.
- Provide public access rights to Honouliuli Preserve.
- The Army has done much to protect threatened and endangered species on lands under its purview.
- The Army should not acquire any portion of Honouliuli Preserve.
- Army training at or near Honouliuli Preserve is unacceptable.

Solid Waste / Wastewater Issues

- No comments expressed.

Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste / Ordnance and Explosives Issues

- Blank ammunition is the largest source of fire.
- The pollution of Army training areas still exists, and the contaminants are toxic to human health.

Air Issues

- No comments expressed.

Water Issues

- Concerned with water contamination from the Army's use of Makua Valley.
- Groundwater beneath Schofield Barracks is a concern.

Socioeconomic Issues

- An increase in Army personnel will contribute to more prostitution in Wahiawa.
- Evicted families of Makua Valley should be given back their land and the Army should pay restitution to said families for military use of the land.

Visual Issues

- No comments expressed.

Noise Issues

- No comment expressed.

Traffic Issues

- No comments expressed.

EIS INPUT:

General Issues

- Have long-time residents of Hawaii involved in the EIS preparation.
- Have the EIS prepared by learned people beyond reproach.
- Address environmental justice.
- Provide details of properties subject to Army transformation, e.g., maps, drawings, etc.
- Address the cumulative impacts of all proposed projects as it relates to Army transformation to include impacts associated with past and present activities.
- Address the relocation of the 2nd Brigade outside of Hawaii as an alternative.
- Address both Army transformation and continued live-fire exercises at Makua Military Reservation together.
- Assess as an alternative the use of extant instead of new housing for additional personnel required by Army transformation.
- Include Waianae Public Library as an additional records repository during the EIS process.

Occupation Issues

- Define the total acreage currently occupied by the Army and the additional acreage proposed for acquisition.

Cultural Issues

- Perform a surface and subsurface cultural survey.
- Communicate with Hawaiian civic clubs for site information and oral histories.
- Assess cultural, historic, and traditional resources impacts.
- Identify traditional cultural practices and its significance to the proposed action.
- Document archaeological sites within and around the Army's proposed project areas.
- Prepare a cultural sites protection plan.
- Address cultural sites access.

- Define how site identification and access will be communicated to the affected communities for its input.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Address natural resources and ecosystem impacts.

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- No input received.

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- Describe existing programs to clean up Army lands of chemical and UXO contamination.
- Assess the effects of Army training area contamination to human health and the environment.
- Research the disease rate and health of individuals residing or working in communities proximal to Army installations.
- Identify contaminants of concern being introduced to the environment by the Army, and how the COCs affect human health and the environment.
- Identify and evaluate the synergistic effects of COCs in the environment.
- Assess extant ammunition storage facilities at PTA and Lualualei as an alternative to proposed new storage storage facilities.

Air Issues

- Describe the Army's air safety program including emergency response procedures.

Water Issues

- Investigate surface and subsurface water contamination at Makua Valley.
- Investigate the aquifer residing beneath Schofield Barracks for contamination.
- Precautions must be taken to protect the Pearl Harbor aquifer.

Socioeconomic Issues

- Assess the Army's presence in Hawaii and its attendant costs.
- Assess the economic loss caused by deployment of the 2nd Brigade.

Visual Issues

- No input received.

Noise Issues

- No input received.

Traffic Issues

- Describe the Army's road and traffic safety program.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, HAWAII
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HAWAII 96857-5000



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 28, 2002

Office of the Garrison Commander

Dear Community Member:

I would like to thank you for participating in our public scoping process for our proposal to transform the Second Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) into an Interim Brigade Combat Team (IBCT). This letter contains additional information about our proposal to help you in your further participation. We take our stewardship of the environment very seriously and use the public scoping part of the Environmental Impact Statement development process to help us involve the community and determine the concerns and significant issues of our proposed action.

We began this scoping process by publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on March 4, 2002. I have included a copy of the NOI with this letter. We also held seven public scoping meetings to exchange information. Additionally, we have a web site (<http://www.ttsfo.com/ibcteis>) that contains up-to-date information on the proposed Transformation here in Hawaii.

I would like to thank those of you who attended the scoping meetings and made comments. To help you evaluate this additional information and provide further comments, I have extended the comment period until June 29, 2002.

In our NOI, we listed three proposed alternatives: 1) Transform the Second Brigade to an IBCT with a wide range of supporting projects, including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure (we have provided a list of these projects with this letter); 2) transform the Second Brigade, using existing facilities and infrastructure and lands; and 3) take no action (the so-called No Action Alternative), in which the Army in Hawaii would not be transformed to an IBCT but would continue operating as it does now until future organizational changes are made. While we believe that transformation is critical to the future of the Army and our nation's security, we are committed to making sure that we understand the environmental consequences and impacts of transformation so that we can make informed decisions on whether or how it should proceed.

As we discussed at the scoping meetings, transforming the Second Brigade to an IBCT includes changing to a more rapidly deployable force with advanced computer capabilities. This would involve multiple projects, including constructing infrastructure and training ranges, improving and constructing military access roads, and acquiring land. These projects would be necessary to support the additional 480 soldiers and 400 vehicles required for the IBCT.

With your help we will be able to identify those potential adverse impacts that should be analyzed in our Environmental Impact Statement. We already know that we have to evaluate the impacts that construction might have on cultural and historical resources or on natural resources, such as plants and animals, including any temporary increase in noise and dust levels. If training ranges are constructed,

impacts could also include those to air, water and soil, natural and cultural resources, and socio-economics.

We also want to provide you with as much information as is possible at this time about our proposed acquisition of additional lands. I have enclosed the available maps depicting the general area where the Army proposes to acquire property. We are in initial discussions with landowners but formal negotiations cannot be initiated until we receive permission from the Department of Defense to proceed. For this reason more detailed maps and information on the proposed land acquisitions are not available at this time, but we will provide more detailed information as we progress.

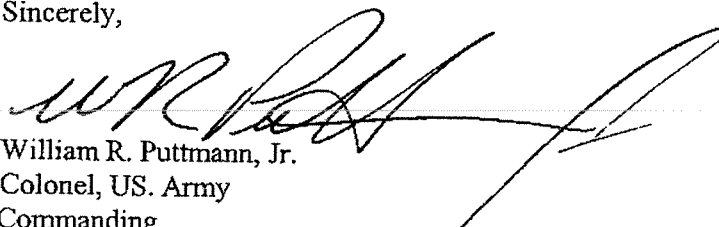
In addition to this IBCT EIS, we are preparing other Environmental Assessments for several projects that are essential to the Army's current mission. These projects include an upgrade Drum Road, acquisition of land south of Schofield Barracks for constructing two buildings, and improving the Installation Infrastructure Information Architecture. These projects are not specific to Army Transformation, however, to the extent that they may also be used for IBCT support and training, we plan to address these impacts in the IBCT EIS as well. As you may know, we are also preparing a separate EIS on live-fire training at Makua Military Reservation by our current units. The Makua EIS is specifically required by a settlement agreement we reached to resolve issues on an earlier Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Makua.

More information about the proposed action and the EIS process is posted on our website at <http://www.ttsfo.com/ibcteis> and at the following locations: on Oahu at Hawaii State University Library, Kahuku Public & School libraries, Mililani Public Library, Wahiawa Public Library, Waialua Public Library and Waianae Public Library and the University of Hawaii Environmental Center; and on the Big Island at the Hilo, Kailua-Kona and Thelma Parker Public libraries. We encourage you to check these resources regularly for the latest updated information. Additionally, we have included with this letter the briefing presented at the final scoping meeting.

We would like to continue two-way communications throughout the EIS process. I hope that extending the comment period will ensure that you have ample opportunity to communicate with us. We will accept written comments, whether mailed, e-mailed or faxed, until June 29, 2002. Mailed comments should be postmarked by June 29, 2002. Comments may be posted on the IBCT website or sent to Mr. Earl Nagasawa, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Program and Project Management Division, Attn: CEPOH-PP-E (Nagasawa), Building 252, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440; e-mail: earl.nagasawa@usace.army.mil; or fax (808) 438-7801. A blank comment sheet is included with this letter. We also will be available to participate in public workshops and discussion groups on Transformation until the end of the scoping period. These sessions can be arranged by contacting Mr. Nagasawa at (808) 438-0772.

Thank you for your valuable participation in the scoping process for the IBCT EIS. We appreciate your assistance in helping us prepare a comprehensive document.

Sincerely,



William R. Puttmann, Jr.
Colonel, US. Army
Commanding



Media Release



25th Infantry Division (Light) & U.S. Army, Hawaii

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May 29, 2002

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In response to public comments, the Army will provide, by mail, additional informational materials that briefly describe the projects encompassed in Transformation to everyone who attended the public scoping meetings conducted in April on the Big Island and Oahu. Others interested in receiving these materials should contact the address or number listed below.

The information packet will include presentations, proposed descriptions of projects, handouts, and available maps.

This information will also be available on the Transformation EIS website www.ibcteis.com, at the University of Hawaii Environmental Center in Manoa, and the following libraries: Main, Kahuku Public and School, Mililani, Wahiawa, Waialua, Waianae, on Oahu and the Hilo, Kailua-Kona, and Thelma Parker, Kamuela, libraries on Hawaii.

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For additional information, contact Troy Griffin at 655-4221.

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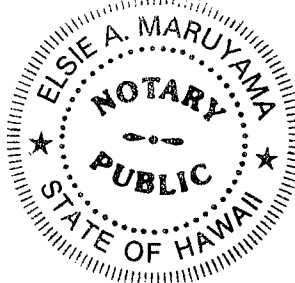
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Leilani K. R. Higaki

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Sharon H. P. Ogata

SHARON H. P. OGATA

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(175834 Hawaii Tribune-Herald: May 31, June 2, 5, 2002)

APPENDIX B-2

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ON DRAFT EIS



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT
110 ARMY PENTAGON,
WASHINGTON DC 20310-0110**

**Director
Office of the Federal Register
National Archives and Records
Administration
Washington, D.C. 20408**

Dear Sir:

The enclosed notice of availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team in Hawaii is submitted for publication in the Notice section of the Federal Register.

Please publish this NOA in the earliest edition of the Federal Register. This notice is required for the Department of the Army to perform its military mission and to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the President's Council on Environmental Quality Regulations.

To confirm publication date of this notice or for further information, please contact Mr. John Cook at (703) 695-4487.

Sincerely,

**Raymond J. Fatz
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health)
OASA (I&E)**

Enclosure

**Department of Defense
Department of the Army**

Release of the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team in Hawaii

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD

ACTION: Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: The Proposed Action includes training to be conducted at Schofield Barracks Military Reservation, Dillingham Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area and Kaiwaloa Training Area on O'ahu and at Pōhakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii. Twenty-eight projects are proposed that would improve on the existing support structure and facilities to provide the necessary field training required for an SBCT. These projects include construction of ranges, airfield upgrades, land acquisition, and new equipment such as new and modernized vehicles (namely the Stryker, an eight-wheeled, 20-ton combat vehicle) and weapons systems (105mm cannon and 120mm mortar). The number of soldiers and vehicles stationed at SBMR also would increase. The Army would acquire land on O'ahu (approximately 1,400 acres) and on the island of Hawaii (approximately 23,000 acres) for training areas and road construction.

DATES: The review period for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Draft EIS will end 45 days after publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Direct questions and/or written comments regarding the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Draft EIS to, or a request for a copy of the document from: Ms. Cindy Barger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Program and Project Management, Attn: CEPOH-PP-E (Barger) Building 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cindy Barger at (808) 438-4812; by facsimile at (808) 438-7801; or by e-mail at SBCT_EIS@usace.army.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Stryker Brigade Combat Team Draft EIS analyzes three alternative courses of action with respect to the Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii: 1) the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure and acquisition of approximately 1,400 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii (preferred alternative); 2) the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition of approximately 100 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii; and 3) the no action

alternative, under which no transformation would occur in the near term and training would continue as currently exists.

Comments on the Draft EIS, received during the 45-day public comment period, will be considered in preparing the Final EIS. Public meetings to comment on the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Draft EIS will be held at various locations on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Notification of the times and locations for the public meetings will be published in local newspapers and in the Hawaii Office of Environmental Quality Control bulletin.

Copies of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Draft EIS are available for review at the following libraries:

- Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720-2477;
- Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740-1704;
- Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library, 96767-1209 Mamalahoa Hwy. Kamuela, Hawaii 96743-8429;
- Kahuku Public and School Library, 56-490 Kamehameha Hwy., Kahuku, Hawaii 96731-2200;
- Mililani Public Library, 95-450 Makaimoimo Street, Mililani, Hawaii 96789-3018;
- Hawaii State Library, 478 South King St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2901;
- Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786-2034;
- Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Hwy., Waianae, Hawaii 96792-2406;
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- UH Environmental Center, 317 Crawford Hall, 2550 Campus Rd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2217.

The Draft EIS may also be reviewed at the SBCT website <http://www.SBCTEIS.com>.

DATED: (To be included when date is known.)

Raymond J. Fatz
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
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Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Striker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) in Hawaii

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Department of the Army

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AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Action includes training to be conducted at Schofield Barracks Military Reservation (SBMR), Dillingham Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area and Kaiwaloa Training Area on Oahu and the Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii. Twenty-eight projects are proposed that would improve the existing support structure and facilities to provide the necessary field training required for an SBCT. These projects include construction of ranges, airfield upgrades, land acquisition, and new equipment such as new and modernized vehicles (namely the Stryker, an eight-wheeled, 20-ton combat vehicle) and weapons systems (105mm cannon and 120mm mortar). The number of soldiers and vehicles stationed at SBMR also would increase. The Army would acquire land on Oahu (approximately 1,400 acres) and on the island of Hawaii (approximately 23,000 acres) for training areas and road construction.

DATES: The comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the DEIS, ask questions or submit written comments, contact Ms. Cindy Barger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Program and Project Management, Attention: CEPOH-PP-E (Barger), Building 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cindy Barger by telephone at (808) 438-4812; by facsimile at (808) 438-7801; or by e-mail at SBCT_EIS@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SBCT DEIS analyzes three alternative courses of action with respect to the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii: (1) The transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure and acquisition of approximately 1,400 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii (preferred alternative); (2) the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition of approximately 100 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii; and (3) the no action alternative, under which no transformation would occur in the near term and training would continue as currently exists.

Comments on the Draft EIS, received during the 45-day public comment period, will be considered in preparing the Final EIS. Public meetings to comment on the SBCT DEIS will be held at various locations on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. Notification of the times and locations for the public meetings will be published in local newspapers and in the Hawaii Office of Environmental Quality Control bulletin.

Copies of the SBCT DEIS are available for review at the following libraries: Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720-2477; Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740-1704; Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library, 96767-1209 Mamalahoa Hwy. Kamuela, Hawaii 96743-8429; Kahuku Public and School Library, 56-490 Kamehameha Hwy., Kahuku, Hawaii 96731-2200; Mililani Public Library, 95-450 Makaimoimo Street, Mililani, Hawaii 96789-3018; Hawaii State Library, 478 South King St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2901; Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786-2034;

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Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Hwy., Waianae, Hawaii 96792-2406; Waialua Public Library, 67-068 Kealahanu Street, Waialua, Hawaii 96791; and UH Environmental Center, 317 Crawford Hall, 2550 Campus Rd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2217.

The Draft EIS may also be reviewed at the following SBCT Web site: <http://www.SBCTEIS.com>. 

Dated: September 22, 2003.

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ARMY ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON STRYKER BRIGADE IN HAWAII

October 2, 2003

The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) in Hawaii.

The Army has proposed to undertake a multi-year, phased and synchronized program of transformation over a 30-year period. The proposed transformation will take place in three phases, an Initial Phase, an Interim Capability Phase, and an Objective Force Phase. Transformation would affect most aspects of the Army's doctrine and is needed to address the changing circumstances of the 21st century. The Army is proposing to implement a range of activities related to force transformation in Hawaii as part of the Interim Capability Phase. The proposed activities are associated with conversion of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT, a rapidly deployable, early entry, medium-weight force with a decreased logistical footprint.

The SBCT DEIS analyzes three alternative courses of action with respect to the conversion of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team: 1) Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition of approximately 1,400 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii (preferred alternative); 2) Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition of approximately 100 acres of additional training lands on Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii; and 3) No Action (no transformation to an SBCT in the near term).

Copies of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Draft EIS will be available for review at the following locations: Hilo Public Library, 300 Waiianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720-

1704; Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library, 96767-1209 Mamalahoa Hwy. Kamuela, Hawaii 96743-8429; Kahuku Public and School Library, 56-490 Kamehameha Hwy., Kahuku, Hawaii 96731-2200; Mililani Public Library, 95-450 Makaimoimo Street, Mililani, Hawaii 96789-3018; Hawaii State Library, 478 South King St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2901; Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786-2034; Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Hwy., Waianae, Hawaii 96792-2406; Waialua Public Library, 67-068 Kealohanui Street, Waialua, Hawaii 96791; and UH Environmental Center, 317 Crawford Hall, 2550 Campus Rd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2217.

The Draft EIS may also be reviewed at the SBCT website <http://www.SBCTEIS.com>.

The review period for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Draft EIS will end 45 days after publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Comments on the Draft EIS will be used in preparing the Final EIS.

To obtain a paper copy of the Draft EIS, ask questions, or provide written comments, contact Ms. Cindy Barger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Program and Project Management, Attn: CEPOH-PP-E (Barger) Building 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440; e-mail at SBCT_EIS@usace.army.mil.

Media interested in more information may also contact MAJ Gary Tallman, Army Public Affairs, at 703-697-4314, or gary.tallman@hqda.army.mil

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Public Notice

Release of Army Transformation Draft EIS, Opening of Public Comment Period, and Public Meetings to be Held

The US Army, Hawaii, announces the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) detailing the impacts of Army Transformation in Hawaii. The Draft EIS is available for review on the web at www.sbcteis.com or at the following libraries:

UH Hilo, Edwin H. Mookini Library, 200 W. Kawili St., Hilo, 808-974-7346
Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo (808) 933-8888
Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona (808) 327-4327
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Kahuku Public and School Library, 56-490 Kamehameha Highway, Kahuku (808) 293-8935
Mililani Public Library, 95-450 Makaimoimo Street (808) 627-7470
Hawaii State Library, 478 South King Street, Honolulu (808) 586-3500
Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Avenue, Wahiawa (808) 622-6435
Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Highway, Waianae (808) 697-7868
Waialua Public Library, 67-068 Kealohanui Street, Waialua (808) 637-8626
UH Environmental Center at UH Manoa, 317 Crawford Hall, 2550 Campus Road, Manoa (808) 956-7361.

The Draft will also be available on Compact Disk on a first come first served basis at the Libraries mentioned above.

To request copies of the Executive Summary, CDs or hard copies of the DEIS, please contact: Cindy S. Barger

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Written comments will be accepted until **19 November 2003**.

Additionally, the Army will host community meetings to provide an opportunity for the people of Hawai'i to comment on the Draft EIS. The meeting dates are as follows:

- **28 October 2003, Honolulu Country Club,**
1690 Ala Puumalu Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96818-1599
(808) 441-9400
- **29 October 2003, Helemano Plantation,**
64-1510 Kamehameha Highway Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786
(808) 935-9361
- **30 October 2003, Makaha Resort Golf Club,**
84-626 Makaha Valley Road Waianae, Hawaii 96792
(808) 695-9544
- **4 November 2003, Turtle Bay Resort**
57-091 Kamehameha Highway Kahuku, Hawaii 96731
(808) 293-8811
- **5 November 2003, Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort**
69-275 Waikoloa Beach Drive Waikoloa, Hawaii 96738
(808) 886-6789
- **6 November 2003, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel,**
71 Banyan Drive Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (808) 935-9361

All meetings begin with an informal Open House from 5:30-6:45 pm. The Formal meeting to listen to public comments will be held from 7:00 pm to 10:00pm.

If you need special communications or seating accommodations (American sign or accessible seating, and documents in alternative formats), please contact Ms. Cindy Barger at (808) 438-4812 at least 3 days before the meeting.

Please note that a Native Hawaiian language interpreter will be present at the meetings.

(198492 Hawaii Tribune-Herald: October 3, 5, 8, 2003)

Date: October 3, 2003

Release of Army Transformation Draft EIS and Public Meetings to be Held

The US Army, Hawaii, announces the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) detailing the impacts of Army Transformation in Hawaii. Army Transformation in Hawaii includes the proposed construction of 28 projects and proposed land acquisition on the islands of O'ahu and Hawai'i.

The Draft EIS is available for review on the Web at www.sbcteis.com or at the following libraries:

- **Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, (808) 933-8888**
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Public Comments on Environmental Impact Statement
Army Transformation of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team
Various Sites, Hawai'i

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING SYNOPSIS

28 October 2003

1900-2040

Honolulu Country Club
1690 Ala Pu`umalu Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

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ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 93
Public Commenters: 14
Written Comments Received: 7

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1900
Meeting Adjourned: 2040

COMMENTS

General Issues

- Maintain better records regarding the types and amounts of weaponry used in training areas.
- Individuals voiced support of the project.
- Individuals voiced opposition to the project.
- Dissemination of information about the specific projects was requested.
- Proposed alternatives fail to consider sites outside of Hawaii.
- The public comment process was flawed because the information in the Draft differed from the information presented in the scoping meetings.
- The training brigades and Stryker will not be used to defend the United States but will be used in third world countries against innocent people.

Land Use/Recreation

- Provide The Nature Conservancy with perpetual access to their conservation lands.
- The Army would be taking conservation and agricultural land.
- Work with non-profit organizations to acquire buffer lands adjacent to Army training areas

Cultural Issues

- Do not compromise cultural rights.

Human Health and Safety Hazards

- The Army leaves behind harmful chemicals wherever it goes.
- Forest habitat and species that are damaged by fires that spread outside of Schofield would also threaten Honouliuli Preserve. Include proper training for personnel in the wild fire management plan.

Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice

- What are the economic impacts?
- The state of Hawaii will benefit economically from Transformation.

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PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING SYNOPSIS

29 October 2003

1900-2146

Helemano Plantation, Banquet Room

64-1510 Kamehameha Highway

Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786

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ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 54
Public Commenters: 17
Written Comments Received: 10

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1900
Meeting Adjourned: 2146

COMMENTS

General Issues

- The comment period should be extended.
- With more military expansion in the Hawaiian Islands, the islands will be a perfect target for terrorists.
- Proposed alternatives fail to consider sites outside of Hawaii.
- The Stryker Brigade Combat Team will help the United States of America.
- United States is using this means to intimidate, to continue to intimidate the Hawaiian people. These are small islands.
- Outrageous.
- This Draft EIS is too long and complicated.
- The Draft EIS does not address comments raised during the scoping period.
- The EIS does not include an investigation of constructing a CCAAC range within one of the multipurpose use ranges.

- The Programmatic Agreement should not be included as part of the EIS.
- The Draft EIS fails to consider and address a clean-up plan for military lands.
- There is very little recognition of the Launani Valley and Mililani Mauka communities when discussing the impact or potential impact of transformation from Wheeler Army Airfield and East Range.

Land Use/Recreation

- Explore acquisition of the Pupukea Paumalu Homestead to protect the training capability and also protect the natural and other resources in the area.
- Lands that area called "ceded lands" in the DEIS should be called "stolen lands".
- Denying access to areas in the vicinity of Drum Road and between Schofield and Helemano will reduce the ability of residents to enjoy the outdoors.
- The SRAA is valuable agriculture land.
- Training and operation of the proposed QTR2 Multi-purpose Qualifying Training Range on SRA will affect land use with a portion of the Honouliuli Preserve.
- During training and operation of QTR2 natural resources management and recreational activities will be restricted within certain portions of the SRAA.

Visual Resources

- No comments expressed.

Airspace

- There's been a gradual but persistent increase of military air traffic over KTA and further increases cause concern.
- The military seems to want to take the air space for exclusive use.
- An increase in helicopter flights will increase the annoyance to the community.
- Make sure that helicopters do not crash into homes.
- Airspace section of the DEIS lacks a discussion on physical hazards.
- Provide a map that clearly shows the aircraft flight tracks for local helicopter departures, IFR 06 departures and standard VFR departures.
- The U.S. Army should work closely with state and county officials to ensure there is safe and compatible use of airspace.
- It is remotely possible that an emergency situation would result in a release of ordnance or fuel into the residential community area during a training fly-by.
- There is concern over safety, number, type and location of all proposed aircraft and activity associated with the project.

Air Quality

- No comments expressed.

Noise

- Training noise from East Range will impact the Launani Valley and Mililani Mauka residential areas.

Traffic

- Alter the portion of the Helemano Trail that bisects Kaukonahua Road.
- There is already a lot of traffic.

Water Resources

- No comments expressed.

Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

- No comments expressed.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Do not destroy endangered species.
- Do not destroy critical habitat.
- More Army training combined with fewer restoration projects creates a biological ghetto.

Cultural Issues

- Impacts on cultural resources are considered significant and mitigable according to whose standards?
- The cultural impact portion of this EIS fails to address springs as cultural resources.
- Describe how to restore sanctity to a cultural site that is destroyed.

Human Health and Safety Hazards

- The prescribed burn that occurred at Makua Military Reservation and escaped the boundaries set for the fire has many people concerned about future prescribed burns and the safety and reliability of the fire management plan.
- Fire protection and safety plans need to be available for the North Shore.
- The EIS doesn't describe how to restore areas burned by wildfire.

Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice

- Soldiers living on base do not pay taxes on the goods and services they acquire on base so that money does not go back to the community.
- When the troops get deployed the community will suffer an economic loss.
- Smoke is created on military lands and drifts into the nearby communities, affecting health of the residents.
- An increase in the number of soldiers will increase street violence, domestic violence, dust, armored vehicles, and accidents.

Public Services and Utilities

- Hawaii schools are crowded and in need of help with resources to accommodate an increase in student population.

Cumulative

- Agricultural companies and the Kahe Power plant create smoke that affects the Waianae coastline.

**Public Comments on Environmental Impact Statement
Army Transformation of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team
Various Sites, Hawai'i**

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING SYNOPSIS

30 October 2003

1900-2400

*Sheraton Makaha Resort Golf Club
84-626 Makaha Valley Road,
Waianae, Hawaii 96792*

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ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 70
Public Commenters: 41
Written Comments Received: 11

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1900
Meeting Adjourned: 2400

COMMENTS

General Issues

- This Draft EIS is too long and complicated.
- Extend the public comment period to 120 days.
- Proposed alternatives fail to consider sites outside of Hawaii.
- The Draft EIS does not address comments raised during the scoping period.
- Show the treaty of annexation that exists between the United States and the Kingdom of Hawaii which allows the Army to claim the land.
- The Draft EIS fails to consider and address a clean-up plan for military lands.
- Start all over again.
- Discuss the market value of the land used by the military since the time of annexation.

- There are conflicting reports about whether or not the Stryker Brigade is transportable within 96 hours in the C-130 aircraft.
- With the Stryker Brigade in the Hawaiian Islands, the islands will be a more of a target .
- The Department of Defense issued a memorandum in 1990 that set a moratorium on new land acquisitions for training.
- The Army must not show preference for or commit funds towards an alternative.
- The EIS needs to spell out the mitigation measures, otherwise the public will not be a true part of the decision-making process as mandated by Congress because the public may not be commenting upon actual plans.
- From a Hawaiian perspective, you cannot separate land from people, people from land.
- The likely environmental impacts need to be written in simple, non-technical language for the lay reader.
- In order to respond to the concerns and some of the issues raised, the document needs to be longer.

Land Use/Recreation

- The Army contradicts itself by stating in 1997 that there is a shortfall of 70,000 acres of land for training. So does that mean that the proposed 25,000 acres is an installment of 70,000 acres that's going to be acquired in the future?
- Since 1978 agricultural land rate of loss in Hawaii was 1 percent. The Stryker Brigade will bring that up to 2.7 percent, which will reduce productive capacity, revenue and land value.

Visual Resources

- No comments expressed.

Airspace

- No comments expressed.

Air Quality

- Additional dust resulting from an increase in military training might affect coral reefs and people with respiratory ailments.

Traffic

- Young military people drive recklessly when they are off base and add to the traffic problem.

Water Resources

- The Army needs to protect the springs and the wells from the contamination of munitions constituents that are sure to enter the water tables.

Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

- Hawaiians spend more time in the dirt, more time planting, and their exposure to high levels of toxic metals in the soil will have a different effect on them than it would on those levels of exposure for somebody in Kansas.
- The soil needs to be protected from harmful constituents.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- The project would take away critical habitat for endangered species.
- Is the idea to make Hawaii into a desert?

Cultural Issues

- The draft EIS fails to recognize that cultural sites are not just piles of rocks.
- There's nothing in the DEIS that talks about the potential destruction of mana by a Stryker vehicle running over a cultural site.
- Have cultural values briefing for the soldiers before they enter society.

Human Health and Safety Hazards

- The prescribed burn that occurred at Makua Military Reservation and escaped the boundaries set for the fire has many people concerned about future prescribed burns and the safety and reliability of the fire management plan.
- The soil sampling was flawed.
- What are the rates of environmentally induced diseases in these affected areas? If there are contaminants, let's go the next step and figure out how it's affecting people. Have there any toxicology studies been done in the community? Are there any plans to treat folks if there are illnesses?
- There's no sampling off-range.
- There are a lot of diabetes and thyroid-related diseases in the area.

Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice

- Determine the actual costs of developments and what leaks out of the economy.
- Drug trafficking could increase.
- An increase in the number of soldiers will increase violence.

Public Services and Utilities

- There will be additional demands on Hawaiian Electric, the Board of Water Supply, and the refineries.
- The water supply will be taxed by bringing additional troops and their families into the state.

Cumulative

- Agricultural companies, Kahe Power plant, Campbell Industrial Park, and the industrial landfill in Nanakuli create smoke that affects the Waianae coastline.

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Army Transformation of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an Interim Brigade Combat Team
Various Sites, Hawai'i**

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING SYNOPSIS

4 November 2003

1900-2450

Turtle Bay Resort

57-091 Kamehameha Highway

Kahuku, Hawaii

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ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 121
Public Commenters: 42
Written Comments Received: 26

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1900
Meeting Adjourned: 2450

COMMENTS

General Issues

- The Army will bring 2,000 people in to the state and everyone will suffer.
- Look at the environmental issues in the surrounding communities.
- Do not build up the military or bring the Stryker Brigade here.
- 200 Strykers will put a strain on the available land resources around the island.
- The Stryker Brigade should be focused on peacekeeping and humanitarian issues.
- Locate and train in a larger uninhabited area
- The process is invalid.
- Strykers are about invasion, not defense.
- The principle that you should put forward is aloha 'aina [Love the land].
- Set new, higher standards of environmental sensitivity and responsibility.

- The mitigation measures are non-committal.
- Release Hawaii from military occupation.
- Save our natural wonders.
- Land and resources in Hawaii are too precious for the military to use.

Land Use/Recreation

- Activities at Honouliuli Preserve, hiking, and use of the motorcycle park might be impacted by the project.
- Hawaii will be losing valuable agricultural land, which will reduce the ability to live sustainably.
- The military has plenty of land in Hawaii already.

Visual Resources

- Visible fences and telecommunication antennas would reduce the visual quality of the Dillingham area.
- What does 365 tons of fugitive dust look like?

Airspace

- Air traffic was not addressed in the EIS.
- UAV may fly in close proximity to homes.

Air Quality

- The modeling shows that dust generated from the project will exceed the federal acceptable levels in a 24-hour period.
- The Army is asking that we trade health for safety.
- 365 tons of fugitive dust is a lot respiratory-wise.
- What kind of chemicals would be used to spray to mitigate fugitive dust?

Traffic

- Army vehicle use of public roadways is a concern.
- Army activities affect traffic flow on Foot Avenue at Lyman Gate.
- The tank trails are currently proposed as gravel roads but they should be hardened.
- Clean up when these 20-ton vehicles bring mud across the civilian highways.

Water Resources

- Analyze impacts of hazardous materials on groundwater.
- Soil erosion could affect nearshore waters and coral reefs and freshwater streams.
- Address deaths caused by vehicles caught in floods in the Kahuku area.

Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

- Certain activities will create a high probability of soil erosion.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Land take a long time to recover from vehicles like the Stryker.
- Hawai'i has the most endangered species in the nation.
- There can be no assurances of the safety of biological species.

Cultural Issues

- Consult with ohana and individuals.
- The Environmental Impact Study does not address identified cultural resources.
- Consider the overall impact on social relations in the community.
- Blocking access to lands is not consistent with Hawaiian culture.

- Safeguard the land for our future generations.

Human Health and Safety Hazards

- The EIS acknowledges this past contamination but then does almost nothing on describing possible new contamination.
- Analyze impacts of hazardous materials on groundwater.
- Regarding the Kahuku area and the Dillingham area, would the antennas produce electromagnetic radiation?
- In the Kahuku Training Area the EIS states that when using short-range training ammunition there's a high risk of wild fires.

Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice

- Hawaii already has a problem financing the educational facilities that exist.

Public Services and Utilities

- Address the additional burned that will be on the utilities.
- The services provided by the state will be impacted by the integration of additional personnel and their families.

Cumulative

- Violence is cumulative.
- Address the other parcels of land that will be acquisitioned by the military services.

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Various Sites, Hawai'i**

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING SYNOPSIS

5 November 2003

1900-2250

Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort

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ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 102
Public Commenters: 37
Written Comments Received: 16

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1900
Meeting Adjourned: 2250

COMMENTS

General Issues

- Translate the report into English and into Hawaiian.
- Consider including a native Hawaiian group to help resolve some of the conditions that are being addressed in the mitigation schedule.
- Clean up previous Army sites on the islands before desecrating more land.
- Show the public a live demonstration of what you will do with these large vehicles.
- Considering the quantity of lead and munitions left on the ground in places like Pohakuloa, how can you say you are good stewards of the land?
- Hotel management should let people chant.
- put in your EIS how much money you're going to put down now in bonding for cleanup, what you plan to do

- Take the Stryker Brigade into the backyard of, for instance, the Secretary of Defense.
- Take advantage of some of the area already controlled by the Army.
- Clean up.
- The criteria for determining the alternatives is too narrow.
- The military gets all the money and land and Hawaiians die on a waiting list to get what is rightfully their own homeland.
- The document is full of contradictions.

Land Use/Recreation

- There needs to be consistency with the land use designation of WPAA.

Airspace

- There is concern about the air strip the Army is building at Pohakuloa.

Air Quality

- Flying dust will be a hazard to the health of Waiki'i Ranch residents and will also cause property damage.
- Wind erosion from areas burned by wildfires should be added as an impact issue.
- Dust and inhalation of dust is a great concern for the surrounding communities.
- Airborne particulate matter is a danger to the residents that needs to be monitored and analyzed for toxic chemicals.

Noise

- These chapters are inconsistent.
- Noise levels from small arms fire and weapon simulators can not be mitigated to a reasonable level by maintaining a distance of 500 feet to 1,000 feet at night from the borders of Waiki'i Ranch.

Traffic

- The island would be better off with a larger road from the east to the west.

Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

- Soil loss is significant for PAA.
- At WPAA, the addition of heavy vehicles and warfare stimulation with explosive devices raises the risk of fire exponentially.
- There will be permanent damage to the land from the Strykers.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- To destroy the ecosystem at Pohakuloa sets a precedent.
- Some species are not yet described and may be destroyed before they can be studied.
- There needs to be a mechanism where things that are rare and endangered can be protected forever.

Cultural Issues

- Move project sites to protect cultural resources
- There needs to be a mechanism where things that are rare and endangered can be protected forever.

Human Health and Safety Hazards

- At WPAA, the addition of heavy vehicles and warfare stimulation with explosive devices raises the risk of fire exponentially.
- The wildfires impact should be upgraded to significant
- The toxic contents of the munitions and shell casings should be discussed.

Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice

- Flying dust will be a hazard to the health of Waiki'i Ranch residents and will also cause property damage.
- Religious rights have been violated by this paper.

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Various Sites, Hawai'i**

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING SYNOPSIS

6 November 2003

1900-2447

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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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ATTENDANCE

Individuals Signed In: 124
Public Commenters: 62
Written Comments Received: 23

SCHEDULE

Meeting Convened: 1900
Meeting Adjourned: 2447

COMMENTS

General Issues

- There are no maps of the new Saddle Road extension in your document
- The organization of the document is confusing.
- Why Hawaii?
- The Stryker Brigade conflicts with Linda Lingle's plan for the promotion of a safe Hawaii for visitors.
- The Armed Services established a policy of not purchasing more land.
- Please extend the comment period.
- No Stryker Brigade.
- What is the real cost of the land being taken?
- The Stryker is very definitely an offensive weapon.

Land Use/Recreation

- Army plans for Kawaiahae Harbor as it is now delineated will close the entire harbor to all recreational use along with the recreational harbor and sailing facility that also occupies that point of land.
- A portion of the 23,000 acres is considered agricultural land of importance.
- According to local zoning laws, military use is not allowed in agricultural zones.
- The military has extensive holdings in HI.
- An important ongoing issue is compensation for land use.

Visual Resources

- Will an expansion and importation of 19-ton vehicles enhance the beauty and serenity of the islands?
- No mention is made of the impact on the astronomers on Mauna Kea.

Air Quality

- The land for your proposed expansion around Waiki'i is zoned for agriculture and conservation and has never been used by heavy vehicles, training, or munitions.
- The 1,005 heavy-duty vehicles going up the PTA trail would have a drastic effect on the nearby communities from the air pollution from emissions and dust.

Noise

- The noise associated with training could have psychological effects because it is the sound of war; the sound of people training to kill other people.
- Noise from vehicle use of the trail is a concern in the surrounding communities.
- There are no mitigations for the impacts from noise.
- More attention must be paid to the effects of noise on critical habitat areas.
- The buffer zone around the communities should be 10 miles.

Traffic

- The impacts from the proposed expansion on the new Saddle Road alignment have not been discussed.

Water Resources

- The studies cited are not current.

Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

- There is no way to restore the kind of soils that will be destroyed.

Biological/Ecological Issues

- Rare birds and critical habitat could be affected by many of the proposed training activities.

Cultural Issues

- The public has not been given the opportunity to comment on the revised Programmatic Agreement mentioned in the EIS and it is not clear which version is cited in the EIS.
- There is evidence that shows the ancient Hawaiians used the lands around Pohakuloa as a place to train their warriors and using the area to train other warriors is compatible with that tradition.
- The shaking of the earth from vehicles along the trail would affect Pu'ukohola heiau, a national historic site.
- Restricting access to native Hawaiians will remove this area from the identity of Hawaiians who are spiritually connected to the land through physical contact. How will the Native Hawaiians be compensated for this removal of their cultural heritage?

- The Army needs to make restitution for the religious and cultural sites it destroys

Human Health and Safety Hazards

- Keep the lands free from unexploded ordnance and toxic waste for generations to come.
- Clean up the areas already contaminated.
- The use of the extensive military land holdings in HI has contributed to toxicity, environmental degradation, and threats due to UXO.



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Public Comment Period Extended for Stryker Brigade Environmental Impact Statement

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, have extended the public comment period for the Stryker Brigade Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) by 45 days.

The final day to receive comments is now Jan.3, 2004. The comment period is being extended to accommodate those who have expressed public concern during public meetings and written comments.

“The decision to extend the comment period is a good faith effort and it allows the public to review the document and provide feedback,” said Col. David L. Anderson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

The Army has held three public meetings with the remaining meetings taking place this week on Oahu and the Island of Hawaii. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the Turtle Bay Resort. On the Island of Hawaii public meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 5 at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Thursday, Nov 6 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

All meetings will begin with an Informal Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The Formal meetings to listen to public comments will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., or later if required.

The Draft EIS can be reviewed at the SBCT website <http://www.SBCTEIS.com>.

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